



Press release

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**Charity hails Crown Prosecution Service public statement
as landmark moment for male victims of domestic abuse**

The ManKind Initiative, the national charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse has greatly welcomed the first-ever public statement by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) recognising the needs and experiences of male victims of offences including rape, domestic abuse, harassment, stalking and child sexual abuse.

Over the past year, the charity alongside others such as Survivors Manchester have taken part in discussions with the CPS on how such a public statement will make a huge difference to male victims of these crimes. This also includes changing societal attitudes toward male victims, recognising these crimes happen to men as well as women and giving more men confidence that they will be supported when they come forward.

Mark Brooks, Chairman of the ManKind Initiative charity, stated:

“The public statement, and the commitments it makes, are landmark moments for male victims of crimes such as domestic abuse, stalking and forced marriage.

“We are very pleased with the CPS for sending a clear and inclusive message to both the criminal justice system, and to society as a whole, about the need to ensure male victims are recognised.

“I am certain this statement will encourage more men to come forward with the full confidence of the positive support and acknowledgement they will receive when they do so.”

Key facts:

1. 4.4% of men (716,000) and 7.7% of women (1.27m) aged 16 to 59 were victims of domestic abuse in the year ending March 2016; with 2.8% of men (451,000) and 5.4% of women (891,000) experiencing partner abuse (non-sexual).
2. In 2014-15, 61% of male victims and 88% of female victims told someone; 26% women and 10% of men told the police.
3. 2.7% of men and 4.6% of women were stalked in the year ending March 2016; 0.5% of men and 1.3% of women were stalked by a partner
4. In 2015, 240 forced marriage cases (20%) involved male victims and 980 forced marriage cases (80%) involved female victims

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CPS News page: <http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/>

1. Facts

1-3: These data are published alongside '[Focus on: Violent Crime and Sexual Offences, year ending March 2016](#)' References are to the year ending March 2016 unless stated otherwise. Data from 2014-15 is available in: '[Focus on: Violent Crime and Sexual Offences, year ending March 2016](#)'

4: Data from Forced Marriage Unit Statistics 2015

2. Media

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3. About the ManKind Initiative

The ManKind Initiative (www.mankind.org.uk), is a national charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse. Established in 2001, it was the first charity in Great Britain to do so. It provides a national help-line (01823 334244), training courses for professionals, a national conference and provides a voice for male victims.